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DIVISION OF FORESTRY, FIRE AND STATE LANDS NAMES NEW BEAR RIVER AREA MANAGER

Utah State Forester Joel Frandsen today announced that Blain Hamp has been selected as the area manager of the Logan Bear River Area office of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands. Hamp has been the acting manager since the retirement of Craig Pettigrew in December 2005.

"Blain has been with our division since 1989," noted Frandsen. "He has gained a solid background in forestry operations, wildland fire control, and sovereign land issues that will serve him and the citizens of Utah well."

Since 2003, Hamp has served as the fire management officer supervising fire wardens in Cache, Rich, Box Elder and Weber counties. Prior to that he served as area forester and was involved in groups such as the Bear River Basin Water Quality Task Force, the Utah Association of Conservation Districts and Soil Conservation Districts in a four-county area. He also has experience at the state's Lone Peak Conservation Nursery and with the USDA Forest Service.

"I'm looking forward to maintaining the high standards of professional service established in our area," said Hamp. "We face the challenges of providing technical support to private forest landowners, maintaining an aggressive program of helping local communities protect themselves from wildland fire, and working to solve sovereign land issues around Bear Lake."

Hamp graduated from Utah State University in 1990 with a B.S. degree in Forest Management.

The Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands is part of the Utah Department of Natural Resources. It is responsible for managing all state-owned non-trust lands, state forestry, and fire control programs. To learn more about the division and its programs go to www.ffsl.utah.gov.

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